



PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

April 2, 2024

As March was coming to a close, we had 102 in attendance for our PROBUS meeting. After the singing of “O Canada”, led by Paul Tunks, we had a moment of silence honouring the passing of one of our members, Al MacMillan.

Murray Mills gave a memorable message about longtime friend and PROBUS member, John Hill. John was very ill with cancer and wanted the club to hear Murray’s message. On the day of the meeting, the video of Murray’s speech was delivered to John, and it brought a smile to his face before John used MAID the following day.



Norm Steele and his Activities Committee brought us up to date on past and future club activities. Members are encouraged to sign up early for all activities to assist those planning the events.

Dave Menary also presented his interesting vignette.

Miles Lauzon’s interview with the CEO of our hospital, Patrick Gaskin, was highly anticipated. It was obvious that Miles had spent considerable time and effort preparing for this well constructed interview.

He presented his questions, even the tough ones, in a thoughtful, and at times, humorous way. Patrick is clearly a hardworking, caring leader, passionate about his job and our community.

. . . Ray Miske, President

Feel free to forward this newsletter to a friend who may be a prospective future member. Consider also providing your friend's email address to Bob McBlain, our Membership Chair, for further follow-up.



Recording of March 27 Meeting

Click on the button below to view the recording of our meeting.

Miles Lauzon's interview of Patrick Gaskin starts at the 59:49 minute mark.

[Watch the Meeting Recording](#)

Recording of February Vignette

Click on the button below to view Dave Menary's vignette.

[Watch the Vignette Recording](#)

Patrick Gaskin interview

Miles Lauzon (a hospital board member and past president of our club) interviewed Patrick Gaskin (President and CEO of the Cambridge Memorial Hospital).



This was a great opportunity to hear from Patrick Gaskin about major aspects of the hospital as Miles posed several questions.

Some of the topics covered included:

- Major renovations that have been going on since 2014 which are nearing completion.
- Positive result on the latest Hospital Accreditation audit.
- State of Ontario healthcare and staffing issues.
- Emergency room wait times.
- Hospital funding.

With every topic raised by Miles and all questions from members in the audience Patrick Gaskin responded with clear explanations. Both opportunities and challenges were described.

Patrick Gaskin had even brought props to illustrate the complexity of addressing emergency room wait times. The solution involves much more than the emergency room.

Clearly, the Cambridge Memorial Hospital is a vibrant full service, acute care hospital committed to providing exceptional health care to the communities of

Cambridge, North Dumfries and the region of Waterloo with a mission to "create healthier communities, together."

You can view his entire presentation by clicking on the "Watch the Meeting Recording" button above. The interview starts at the 59:49 minute mark.

For additional information you can also click on the links below.

Cambridge Memorial Hospital website <https://www.cmh.org>

CMH Foundation website: <https://cmhfoundation.ca/>

David grew up in Galt, attended St. Andrew's and Southwood Secondary schools. He enjoyed playing almost all sports and was co-president of the school before going on to earn degrees at Waterloo and Western, including a Masters in History.

As a 10-year-old he got to see Canada when his father drove him and his sister across Canada and down the Pacific coast, where he stayed with his cousins in Sausalito and in L.A. They returned on the old Route 66 from L.A. to Chicago.

Six years later he again drove across Canada, spending time with a friend of the family who accompanied them, a woman who had been Lady Churchill's lady-in-waiting, and whose later husband had been Winston Churchill's chauffeur. Great stories, and a possible future book.



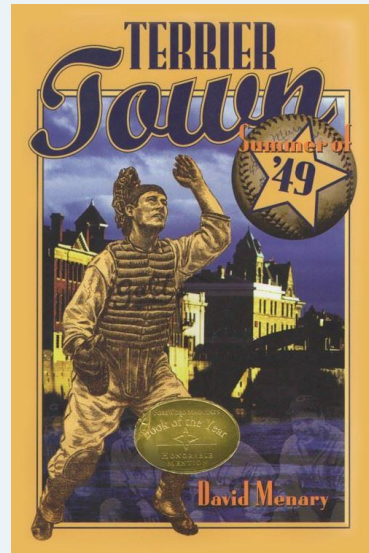
At university, before an arm injury ended his sports career, he enjoyed playing varsity volleyball, and continued his painting that started in Jerry Weber's high school art class.

He began a career in journalism with the Cambridge Reporter under sports editor Carl Fletcher, then became sports editor of the Cambridge Times. He also began writing his first novel, "Terrier Town: Summer of '49" published by Wilfrid Laurier University Press in 2003.

Subsequent books and magazine articles followed, and he resumed his painting as he wound up his career in corporate communications with Siemens.

He continues to write and paint. Dave is just finishing up a book about the 100-year-history of Galt Arena Gardens.

To watch the recording of Dave Menary's vignette click on the "Watch the Vignette Recording" button above.



Management Committee

Dave Brodhagen was inducted as our Communications Chair.



Ray Miske
President



Norm Steele
1st Vice-President



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2nd Vice-President



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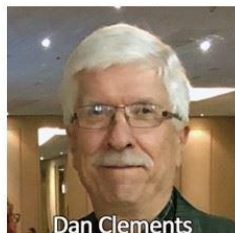
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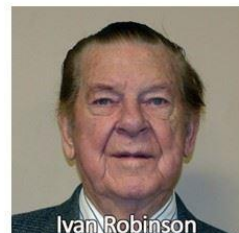
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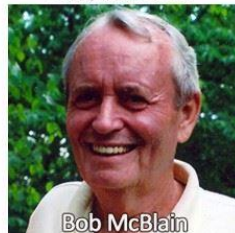
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Dan Clements



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Wayne Heffernan, Mike Jeans,
Myles McInnes, Paul Tunks

Induction of New Members



Welcome to our club!



Alvin Gimpel sponsored by Don Young

Alvin graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1957 with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) which included Accounting, Introduction to Business and majors in Economics and Nuclear Physics.

After graduation worked at Canadian General Electric in several roles including offshore Tax Haven Accounting in the Bahamas.

He completed and successfully passed the Investment Funds Institute of Canada Course in 1995.

Alvin also worked for General Fireproofing Company and Canada Post before starting his own accounting practice which he operated for 30 years. In addition, he worked for Employment and Immigration Canada, Ontario Region.

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Wayne Heffernan sponsored by Mike Pengelly

Wayne moved from Guelph to Cambridge in 1977 with his wife, Pat and 3 children. He taught Science, Physics and Chemistry at Southwood High School for 31 years.

Upon retirement, Wayne along with two partners started Prime Time Computing. He has taught and provided computer support to seniors for the past 25 years.

Wayne was the official IT Cambridge Computer Support person for 11 Federal and Provincial Elections.

His interests include green energy, photography, cooking, cycling, music, and computers.

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Myles MacInnes sponsored by Mark Maloney

Myles was born in Lachine, Quebec, however the family moved around quite a bit ultimately locating to Guelph, where he finished high school before heading to the University of Waterloo to study Systems Design Engineering as a co-op student.

After university Myles had a broad career in technology at various companies in our area.

He retired from Manulife in 2013, but continued to do contract work, consulting, and teach part-time at Conestoga College.

Myles and his wife Cheryl have a son, a daughter and 3 grandchildren.

His hobbies include playing guitar, photography, playing games with the grand children, watching movies, plus a life-long love of books.

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Fraser Ross sponsored by Ray Miske

Fraser has had multiple careers. He taught at Southwood Secondary School for several years. Teaching in another field, Ballroom dancing, saw Fraser working out of Toronto, Grimsby and New York.

Additionally, as a CPA he provided consultant and advisory services for businesses as well as assessments for the CRA.

Fraser lives in West Galt with his wife Irene. His interests include reading novels, philosophy, and art.

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Harvey Wise sponsored by Earle Norman

Harvey was born and raised in St. George. His working career began on the family farm which he later purchased.

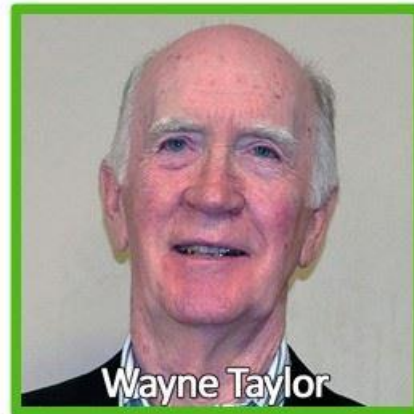
Continuing to run the farm, Harvey began work with The Ministry of Transportation in the forestry section, eventually moving to a position involving the training and testing of drivers and operators.

Shortly after retiring from M.T.O., he went to work for Pioneer Seeds, and after 10 years, retired, sold the farm, and moved into village of St. George.

Harvey, a widower since 2019, has, 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

One of his hobbies is the collection of old John Deere 2-cylinder farm tractors and going on tractor runs.

Milestones In March



And our Club celebrated its 37th anniversary, the oldest club in Canada!

Gary Smith will be our speaker at the April meeting

Discover a diplomacy mission like no other in *Ice War Diplomat*, the behind-the-scenes story of the historic 1972 Summit Series. Amid the tension of the Cold War, caught between capitalism and communism, Canada and the Soviet Union, young Canadian diplomat Gary J. Smith must navigate the rink, melting the ice between two nations skating a dangerous path.



On his first overseas assignment, Smith is tasked with finding common ground and building friendships between the world's two largest countries. Once in Moscow, he opts for sports diplomacy, throwing off his embassy black tie and donning the blue-and-white sweater of the Moscow Maple Leafs.

Trusted by each side with unparalleled access to officials, coaches and players on both teams, Smith witnesses this unique and epic hockey series that has come to transcend time, becoming a symbol of the unity and clarity that sports can offer. The 1972 Canadian-Soviet Hockey Series will go down in history as a pivotal political event, changing the course of two nations and the world of hockey—the fascinating story in these pages will appeal to history and sports fans alike.

April Vignette

Vignette presentations are a long-standing tradition in PROBUS that are an important part of enabling us to get to know something about our new members and broadening our network of PROBUS colleagues.

Stan Jones will share his background and past experiences with us when he presents his vignette at our next meeting.



. . . Mike Jeans, Vignette Chair

ACTIVITIES

Register for activities online or sign up for assistance at our next meeting.

Butterfly Conservatory Experience

We were there at an ideal time with about 2000 butterflies in the conservatory. Bill Babstock dressed in a bright sweater in hopes of attracting butterflies and his plan worked. On the lower right picture you can see one on his back and there had been several others land during the visit.



Mohawk Raceway with Dinner

If you are not already registered, you and up to 3 guests can register now, just click on the “Register for Mohawk” button to join us on May 10th.



[Register for Mohawk](#)

The Day's Schedule:

- if you'd like to go early, walk around the casino and maybe gamble a bit, feel free to go to the casino at any time you wish.

- 6 pm - be seated at a table in the dining room area reserved for PROBUS (elevator available), meal service begins.
- 7 pm - horse racing begins.
- after dinner, an optional, free tour will be offered, to see some horses close up, in the horse barn right next door. Those interested will be taken in small groups.
- special PROBUS race
- hostess betting assistance
- horse racing continues until 11 pm or later, feel free to leave whenever you wish.

For additional details you can [click here](#).

If you have questions or would like to arrange for a ride, please contact Pat Ramcharitar at (519) 584-4764 or email him at ramcharitap@gmail.com.

Other Upcoming 2024 Activities:

Register online or sign up for assistance at our next meeting.

[Toronto Blue Jays vs Baltimore Orioles](#) bus trip and optional dinner, June 6

[Dunnville Grand River Cruise](#), with lunch, Blazing Fiddles and river cruise, July 24

[Golf Tournament](#) at Puslinch Lake Golf Club, August 21

[Warren Stauch Bus Tour](#), September

[Hamilton Theatre](#), with lunch, tour, talk and matinee, November 2

[Billiards Tournament](#) at Chicago Billiards, November 15

[Christmas Gala](#) at Galt Country Club, December 6

Ongoing Activities:

[Trivia Contest](#), 3rd Wednesday each month on Zoom Sept to June

A great social event and fun to play. Approximately 40 questions in different categories. Registered participants receive an email 5 days before the event with a

link to the zoom meeting. A second email goes out two days prior to the event with a link to print the answer sheet.

All are welcome but you must be registered to receive emails.

Please contact Mark Maloney (519) 241-0349 with any questions.

[Billiards Club](#), 3rd Friday monthly year round Chicago Billiards at the delta

[Bridge Club](#), Tuesday every 2 weeks Sept to June



PROBUS Canada Connections

Published for PROBUS Canada members

Check out the latest PROBUS Canada Newsletter. Did you know that the president Martin Capper has "been at The Cambridge Club meetings more than any other Club"?

[PROBUS Canada Connections March 2024.pdf](#)

In Memoriam

Al MacMillan passed away March 3, 2024 after a short battle with cancer. A celebration of life will be held at the Preston Legion, 334 Westminster Dr. N, on May 4 from 2 pm to 4 pm.

[Obituary information is available here.](#)



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